

Motions to dismiss that do not contain the required certification will be summarily denied. A non-moving party's non-compliance with this Order, including a failure to timely engage in the meet-and-confer process, may result in the assessment of monetary and/or nonmonetary sanctions. Those sanctions may include, but are not limited to, an assessment of attorney(s)' fees and costs associated with the filing of the motion to dismiss; and/or a denial of the non-movant's subsequent request for leave to amend.

In addition, the parties shall endeavor not to oppose motions to amend the pleadings that are filed prior to the initial Case Management Conference, or within the time set forth in the parties' Rule 26(f) Report and/or the Court's Rule 16 Case Management Order.

Finally, IT IS ORDERED that: (1) as soon as is practicable, Plaintiff(s) promptly shall serve a copy of this Order upon Defendant(s); (2) all counsel and unrepresented parties must read, know and understand the Local Rules of this Court; and (3) all counsel and unrepresented parties must familiarize themselves with the undersigned's Practices and Procedures (*see* web page at http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/sites/pawd/files/MJE_PRACTICES_AND_PROCEDURES.pdf), and they will be held responsible for complying with the same.

DATED this 3rd day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

s/Cynthia Reed Eddy

Chief United States Magistrate Judge